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## **INQUIRY**

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Sir:

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expiration of the period of suspension has now occurred, applicants hereby inquire as to the status of this application.

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